Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Emma Scott

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The authors have clearly addressed the concerns of both reviewers. I would, however, like to highlight three further minor points:

1. Now that the details of the study methodology (design and intervention) have been removed from the manuscript, the abstract and background need to be amended to reflect this as both still state that "The design, intervention and characteristics of study participants at baseline are also described for this study".

2. There is a typing error on page 4 in the last paragraph of the Methods section on Study Design. It should be the International Standard Randomised Controlled Trial Number Register, not ...Randomised OF Controlled...

3. On page 9, in the Discussion, the second paragraph states that the 'bring a friend' morning tea yielded "a 15% increase in participants". It is unclear whether there were only 200 participants enrolled in the study at the time this event took place or whether the authors mean to say that 15% of the attendees at the morning tea were recruited to the trial, as the next line states "The morning tea resulted in 30 new participants from the 200 invited participants".

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests